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1. Prior to 21 January 1951, it was learned that a VP school together with a VP Bereitschaft was located in an installation on Bahnhofstrasse, opposite Kaethe-Kollwitz-Platz, Doebeln (N 52/K 79). The school had a cadre strength of about 200 men and about 1,100 trainees who were organized into ten companies which slightly surpassed their authorized strength of 100 police each.

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2. The officers on the staff of the school included VP Inspekteur Mahnke, (fnu), school commandant; VP Inspekteur Kirin, (fnu), Soviet liaison officer; an unidentified VP Inspekteur, PK officer and a first deputy commandant; VP Kommandeur Werner Schnorfried, second deputy commandant and director of training; and two unidentified VP Kommandeure who were administrative officer and personnel officer respectively. Each company was commanded by a VP Oberrat. Each deputy company commander was simultaneously PK-Leiter and also held the rank of VP Oberrat. Each company had four VP Oberkommissare as platoon leaders and an unspecified number of VP Kommissare as squad leaders.

3. The school conducted infantry training. From the training schedule it was learned that 20 percent of the trainees were officer candidates and 30 percent NCO candidates. The school was equipped with infantry arms. Almost every trainee had a rapid-fire rifle with ten-round magazines.

4. On 8 February it was learned that the VP officer school in Doebeln has again been occupied to capacity since the end of January 1951. There were about 1,500 officer candidates, some of whom had come from the VP Bereitschaften in Frankenberg and Grossenhain.

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